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AP - FREED FROM TEHRAN: REPORTS THAT SECRETARY AND
SHAH WILL DISCUSS SALE OF SIX TO EIGHT AMERICAN NUCLEAR
REACTORS AT 1 BILLION EACH AND AN OIL-FOR-WEAPONS TRADE.
REPORTERS ON PLANE WERE TOLD NOT TO EXPECT ANY AGREEMENTS
DURING THE TWO-DAY VISIT. SAYS REPORTERS WERE TOLD
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MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON REACTOR DEAL, BUT NOT

ENOUGH FOR AGREEMENT. PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING ISSUE
STILL NOT RESOLVED.

UPI - DANILOFF FROM TEHRAN: REPORTS THAT SECRETARY AND
SHAH ARE EXPLORING AN EXCHANGE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED US MADE
JETFIGHTERS FOR OIL. IRANIAN FOREIGN MIN. SPOKESMAN
SAID SHAH WANTED TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH IMPORTANCE TO
ATTACH TO SENATE REPORT ON ARMS SALES TO IRAN. SPOKESMAN
SAID SHAH HAD A CONTINUED INTEREST IN OBTAINING EIGHT
NUCLEAR REACTORS AND THE KNOW-HOW TO OPERATE THEM, DESPITE
TOUGH SAFEGUARDS LAID DOWN IN WASHINGTON.

REUTERS - LONDON: REPORTS THAT A BRIT. FOREIGN OFFICE
SPOKESMAN AT PRESS BRIEFING MENTIONED THAT SECRETARY
PUBLICLY STATED THAT HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED BRITISH
POLICY ON RHODESIA.

REUTERS - RASHT, IRAN: REPORTS ON VISIT TO CAVIAR
FACTORY. NO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON POST, P.19, OBERDORFER FROM WASHINGTON:
STATES IN AN ARTICLE ON THE SOVIET A-TESTS THAT A
"SENIOR OFFICIAL" ON PLANE SAID THAT THE TESTS MAY HAVE
VIOLATED THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW TREATIES. THE OFFICIAL
(WHOM HE IDENTIFIES AS THE SECRETARY) TOLD REPORTERS
THAT AN INTELLIGENCE REVIEW WAS UNDER WAY TO DETERMINE
THE SIZE AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE SEMIPALATINSK BLAST.

WASHINGTON POST, P. 14, LIPPMAN FROM TEHRAN: REPORTS THAT
PRESS BRIEFER ON PLANE SAID A MAJOR SUBJECT FOR
DISCUSSION WAS A BARTER PROPOSAL EXCHANGING SOPHISTICATED
US WEAPONS FOR IRANIAN OIL. THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAS
NOT YET APPROVED THE BARTER PROPOSAL, AND MAY HAVE
DOUBTS ABOUT IT AT A TIME WHEN THE US IS TRYING TO
REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL. IRANIANS ARE
LETTING IT BE KNOWN THAT THEY ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT A SFRC
REPORT SAYING THAT IRAN IS BUYING ARMS THEY ARE NOT EVEN
CAPABLE OF USING. A BARTER DEAL WOULD ENABLE IRAN TO
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CONTINUE BUYING WEAPONS THEY WANT AND THAT WASHINGTON
WANTS THEM TO HAVE, AND AT THE SAME TIME NLOAD THEIR
EXCESS OIL.

NYTIMES, GWERTZMAN, P.1 FROM TEHRAN: REPORTS THAT FORD
ADMINISTRATION HAS UNDERTAKEN AN INTELLIGENCE REVIEW TO
SEE IF USSR HAS VIOLATED THE SPIRIT OF TTBT. SAYS
REPORTERS WERE GIVEN DATA SHOWING SOVIET EXPLOSION WAS

BETWEEN 100 AND 200 KTS, WHICH COULD PROVE EMBARRASSING TO FORD JUST BEFORE GOP CONVENTION. SECRETARY IS REPORTED IRKED THAT REPORTERS WERE TOLD OF THE TOP WERE OF 200 KTS, BUT NOT THE LOW FIGURE OF 100 KTS. OD ON PLANE OF US OFFICIALS REPORTED TO BE IRRITATION THAT THE ENTIRE SUBJECT WAS DIVULGED TO REPORTERS BY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS.

WSJOURNAL, P. 6 KEATLY FROM TEHRAN: REPORTS FORD ADMINISTRATION FAVORS ARMS FOR OIL BARTER DEAL, BELIEVING THIS WOULD PUT MORE OIL ON WORLD MARKET AND LOWER PRICES. ALTHOUGH A US OFFICIAL SAYS THE ARRANGEMENT IS NOT READY FOR COMPLETION, IT IS INCLINED TO BE ENDORSED BY USG. AN INTERAGENCY REVIEW OF THE BARTER DEAL IS UNDERWAY.

BOSTON GLOBE, P. 10 BEECHER FROM TEHRAN: REPORTS THAT A SENIOR OFFICIAL ABOARD THE SECRETARY'S PLANE TOLD REPORTERS THAT THERE WAS SUCH CONCERN OVER THE SIZE OF RECENT USSR A-TESTS, THAT THE NSC WAS CONSIDERING THE MATTER. THE OFFICIAL, WHO INSISTED THAT PRELIMINARY DATA ON THE TESTS WAS INCONCLUSIVE, SUGGESTS THAT PARTISAN POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS MAY HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE LEAKING OF DETAILS ON THE TESTS TO COLUMNISTS EVANS AND NOVAK. THE UNITED STATES IS OBSERVING THE 150 KT LIMIT EVEN BEFORE THE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY, AND SOVIETS WOULD BE PRESSED TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAD HAPPENED SHOULD THE JULY 4 TEST BE SHOWN TO HAVE EXCEEDED 200 KTS, EVEN THOUGH THAT WOULD NOT BE A VIOLATION OF ANY FORMAL AGREEMENT. BEECHER EXPRESSED THAT THE ISSUE IS CRITICAL IN AN ELECTION YEAR.

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